

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, National Library of Medicine

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Health and Human Services		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Board of Scientific Counselors, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, National Library of Medicine		811	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	01/18/1991		
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)	11/20/1985	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Other Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open 0	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 2	17d. Total 2
Meetings and Dates			
Purpose	Start	End	
To review intramural laboratories/programs.	04/05/2018	- 04/06/2018	
To review intramural laboratories/programs.	09/06/2018	- 09/07/2018	
Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2			
	Current FY	Next FY	
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00	
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$28,163.00	\$28,699.00	
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00	

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$17,003.00	\$17,154.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$800.00	\$816.00
18d. Total	\$51,966.00	\$52,669.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.20	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the following areas: health sciences, computer sciences, information sciences, information technology, library science, behavioral sciences, social sciences, educational technology, communications engineering, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, structural chemistry, mathematics, statistics, and multi-media development and utilization.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the fields of health sciences, computer sciences, information sciences, information technology, library science, behavioral sciences, social sciences, educational technology, communications engineering, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, structural chemistry, mathematics, statistics, and multi-media development and utilization. The advisory role of the Board is indispensable because it is technically informed and scientifically knowledgeable. The Board conducts a critical review and assessment of NLM intramural research efforts and staff.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board met twice during FY 2018 on April 5-6, 2018 and September 6-7, 2018. The Board is expected to meet twice in FY 2019.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is composed of recognized scientific and technical research authorities in biomedical communications who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge. Their recommendations cannot be obtained from other sources because of the complex nature of research and of research program emphasis and management which requires a specialized balance and breadth of expertise not available from the NIH staff or from other established sources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Board meetings were closed or partially closed for review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the National Library of Medicine, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of the individual investigators, and similar items. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other- Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. URL: This committee does not have a dedicated website. Committee Decision Maker and Designated Federal Official are the same individual based on assigned duties within NLM.

Designated Federal Officer

CLEMENT J. MCDONALD DIRECTOR, LHC

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
CUMMINS, MOLLIE	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DOWNS, STEPHEN	07/01/2016	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR AND VICE CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
EMBI, PETER	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	PRESIDENT/CEO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HRIPCSAK, GEORGE	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JOHNSON, KEVIN	07/01/2016	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MATNEY, SUSAN	07/01/2018	06/30/2022	NURSE INFORMATICIST	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MURPHY, SHAWN	07/01/2016	06/30/2020	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PO, MING JACK	07/01/2018	06/30/2022	BRAIN AND CLOUD PRODUCT MANAGER	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
TENENBAUM, JESSICA	07/01/2017	06/30/2021	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
XU, HUA	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The Board of Scientific Counselors advises the NLM and its research directors by assessing the research in progress, assessing proposed programs, and evaluating the productivity of staff scientists. The Board has served as an impetus in guaranteeing the

quality and effectiveness of the research programs of the Lister Hill Center.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent disease.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

It is not possible to assign a number for the recommendations made by the Board. They

review the research and the scientists and make numerous suggestions and recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

As part of the reports to the Board of Scientific Counselors, the Executive Secretary presents appropriate remarks regarding actions taken to implement the Board's recommendations and guidance from previous meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. As a result, LHNCBC evaluated program priorities and adjusted institute resources for senior investigators based on increasing constraints on program budgets. LHNCBC also enhanced its medical informatics training program.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Contact the National Library of Medicine Committee Management Office.